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MEMORANDUM OF INFORMAL PSB MEETING, MAY 28, 1953.

Place: Office of the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Present: Messrs. Jackson, Smith, Kyes, Dulles, and Morgan.

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Agenda Item 1. The Board decided that the draft plan PSB D-23 should be rewritten to consist of two phases: phase one, covering what can be done inside Thailand, increasing its strength and making its frontiers more defensible; phase two, planning what can be done from Thailand as a base if and when the right situation comes, including [redacted] acquiescence. The draft is not to be referred back to the panel again but will be rewritten by Mr. Taylor of PSB Staff, who in his revision will also take account of agency comments on the present draft including those of the Joint Chiefs of Staff which are expected by June 4.

Agenda Item 2. The idea of a Free World Congress was viewed with favor, and it was decided as a next step to consult our missions in London, Paris and Brussels along lines suggested by Mr. Phillips of the State Department. [redacted]

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Agenda Item 3. The Board expressed special interest in RIAS in view of its great importance for psychological operations. While concurring in the continuance of RIAS under IIA, the Board agreed that no restrictions should be placed on RIAS' present type of output and that effective operation of RIAS should be insured by stepping up its facilities as necessary and feasible.

Agenda Item 4. The Board changed its future meeting days from Thursdays to Wednesdays.

Agenda Item 5. In connection with the forthcoming Congressional hearings on the escapee budget, General Smith said that it seemed desirable for a State Department representative to explain to the Committee in executive session that some of the funds were to be used for Yugoslav escapees. Since Mr. Stassen was not present, I relayed the DMS opinion that the voluntary agencies which handle the escapee program ought to be able to care for the Yugoslavs out of private funds since they are so well supported by Government contract for Orbit escapees. However, the State Department proposal was felt by those present to be acceptable in view of the fact that most of the Yugoslav DP's are believed to have escaped before Tito's defection and may thus be said to come from a country under "Soviet domination".

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Acting Director.

NSC review(s) completed.

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